(c) whether necessary clearance has been accorded to the project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) An elevated Light Metro System in Kochi is proposed to be implemented by the Government of Kerala, on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. This is proposed as a 25.3 km line from Alwaye to Petta and is estimated to cost Rs. 1966 crores. The State Govt. has invited expressions of interest for the same. A private partner is yet to be selected by them. Necessary clearance can be considered only after formal proposal, indicating the quantum of viability gap support needed, is received from the State Government. They have also been advised to adopt a technology neutral bidding process.

Regularisation of unauthorised posh colonies

1764. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to regularize unauthorised posh colonies in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to set up a Committee to study regularisation of posh unauthorized colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Government has set up a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Shri K.K. Mathur, retired Secretary to the government of India to look into various aspects pertaining to the unauthorised development in the form of 'Farm houses' as well as 'unauthorised colonies inhabited by affluent sections' of the society and to recommend whether it is feasible and/or desirable to regularise such unauthorised development, and if so to recommend the broad principles governing the terms and conditions and guidelines for regularisation of such areas.